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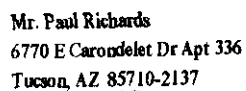
Michael Powell, Chair
Federal Communications Commission

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Dear Mr. Powell:

Media diversity should be a top priority for the FCC; media concentration cripples democracy. The FCC should preserve-- and refrain from weakening-- the rule prohibiting cross ownership of newspapers and television stations in the same market.

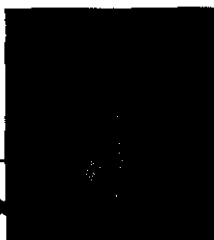
Yours truly,
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Michael J. Capps, Commissioner

18 Federal Communications Commission

445 12TH Street, SW

Washington, D.C. 20554



Michael J. Copps, Commissioner December 17, 2002

The FCC

Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

Regulations that limit the number of newspapers and radio/television outlets a single company can own should NOT be relaxed. There is always a natural centrifugal tendency among units of whatever type toward monopolization. Historically this gave us the gigantic trusts and oligopolies of the past. Do NOT allow history to repeat itself. Act in the public's best interest and do NOT relax FCC regulations.

Cardially yours,

Paul Richards

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January 8, 2003

Mr. Michael K. Powell
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on January 27, 2003

Dear Mr. Powell,

I am greatly disturbed by your Biennial Review proposal eliminating the FCC rules regarding media consolidation...it may make financial sense, but it will certainly reduce the quality, independence, and diversity of the news media.

By allowing consolidation of the industry your plan will allow a handful of profit-driven companies to control what we see, read and hear! The public will lose accuracy in reporting, originality, critical review and cuts in public affairs coverage. Dissenting opinions will be marginalized even further at a time when we need more information and discussion about our nation's role and actions in the world arena.

This country's airwaves belong to all Americans and I expect and hope, that as a public official, you will use your wisdom and sense of fairness to manage the FCC in the public interest...corporate avarice has been readily demonstrated in the past year and important decisions like this should receive full debate by the public and Congress before final action is taken.

Thank you for hearing my thoughts.

Sincerely,

WJ Godner

October 9, 2002
~~September 17, 2002~~

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Chairman Michael Powell
Federal Communications Commission
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Federal Communications
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Dear FCC Chairman Michael Powell,

I am writing to urge you to strengthen, not repeal, the few remaining rules that prevent near total concentration of ownership in the clutches of a few corporations. The current domination of the radio, broadcast and newspaper industries by a handful of companies is already damaging our democracy. Already dramatically loosened over the past decade, ownership restrictions that, for example, keep a single television network from owning stations that broadcast to more than 35 percent of the nation's homes or a single company from owning more than eight radio stations in the same market, are crucially important if we are to protect our nation from the very real dangers of media monopolies.

As America's Founding Fathers understood, a free, diverse and vigorous press is a necessary bedrock foundation for a functioning democracy. In recent decades, however, responsible news coverage and the presentation of a broad range of political views have become increasingly threatened. Corporate chains now control nearly all radio and television stations. Massive budget cutbacks for news departments, the dumbing-down of political coverage, and even dangerous demagoguery have become the norm in America's mainstream media.

Those private interests who support gutting the FCC's media ownership regulations point to new media avenues like cable television and the Internet. Here, too, however, we find the same handful of familiar names dominating what information the vast majority of Americans receive on a daily basis. The massive telecommunications lobby defends repeal of ownership regulations as a source of new business "efficiencies," yet it is the FCC's responsibility to defend the rights of consumers not corporations.

As part of your 90-day comment period, I am asking you to stand up for the free marketplace of ideas supported by a free, diverse and independent press by supporting and strengthening current limits on media ownership consolidation.

I also want to urge you in the strongest way to reach out to ordinary citizens to hear their views, rather than to the well-paid lobbyists of those who stand to benefit financially from changing the FCC's rules.

I look forward to hearing where you stand on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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P.S. Corporate monopoly is the polar opposite of a free press!

Chairman Michael Powell
Federal Communications Commission
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Mrs. Rose B. Smith
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October 11, 2002

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Sincerely,

Rose B. Smith

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Dear Chairman Powell:

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The undersigned have heard that your agency is considering loosening or doing away entirely with regulations that limit the number of newspapers and radio and television outlets that a single company can own.

We hereby urge you to extend the January 2, 2003 date for citizens to register a protest to this move and see that more publicity is given to this matter.

Meanwhile we believe that rather than putting more control in the hands of an already elite group it would be better for our nation to go the opposite direction and tighten current standards and restrict the growth of media monopoly in America.

We would appreciate hearing from you on this issue. Thank you for this opportunity to present our opinion.

Sincerely,

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